S. 3789

To limit access to Social Security account numbers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

September 15, 2010

Mrs. Feinstein (for herself, Mr. Gregg, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Brown of Ohio, and Mr. Barrasso) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Social Security Num-
- 5 ber Protection Act of 2010".
- 6 SEC. 2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PROTECTION.
- 7 (a) Prohibition of Use of Social Security Ac-
- 8 COUNT NUMBERS ON CHECKS ISSUED FOR PAYMENT BY
- 9 GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES.—

- 1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 205(c)(2)(C) of the
- Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(e)(2)(C)) is
- amended by adding at the end the following:
- 4 "(x) No Federal, State, or local agency may display
- 5 the Social Security account number of any individual, or
- 6 any derivative of such number, on any check issued for
- 7 any payment by the Federal, State, or local agency.".
- 8 (2) Effective date.—The amendment made
- 9 by this subsection shall apply with respect to checks
- issued after the date that is 3 years after the date
- of enactment of this Act.
- 12 (b) Prohibition of Inmate Access to Social Se-
- 13 CURITY ACCOUNT NUMBERS.—
- 14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 205(c)(2)(C) of the
- Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(C)) (as
- amended by subsection (a)) is amended by adding at
- the end the following:
- 18 "(xi) No Federal, State, or local agency may employ,
- 19 or enter into a contract for the use or employment of, pris-
- 20 oners in any capacity that would allow such prisoners ac-
- 21 cess to the Social Security account numbers of other indi-
- 22 viduals. For purposes of this clause, the term 'prisoner'
- 23 means an individual confined in a jail, prison, or other
- 24 penal institution or correctional facility pursuant to such
- 25 individual's conviction of a criminal offense.".

1 (2) Effective date.—The amendment made 2 by this subsection shall apply with respect to em-3 ployment of prisoners, or entry into contract with 4 prisoners, after the date that is 1 year after the date 5 of enactment of this Act.

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